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STATEMENT OF ASSERTION

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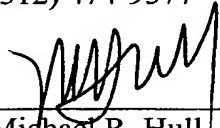
We assert that the owner of this patent qualifies to be entitled to the payment of reduced fees as a Small Entity under 37 CFR 1.27.

Respectfully submitted,

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